Punctuality of CGHS staff

†936. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware the doctors and staff in CGHS dispensaries in Delhi reach late in office and this fact is known to additional directors (South and East) also but no action is taken thereto;

(b) the number of raids conducted in CGHS dispensaries in Delhi regarding observance of punctuality with the result thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government against the doctors and staff to ensure punctuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKALAKSHMI): (a) The doctors and staff of the CGHS dispensaries generally reach for duty on time. However, in cases where late coming of the dispensary staff is noted, necessary administrative action is taken which includes deduction of leave, etc. as per rules.

(b) No raids have been conducted for observance of punctuality in the CGHS dispensaries. However, during inspections of the CGHS dispensaries by the Monitoring Teams and the Zonal Additional Directors of CGHS Delhi, the aspect of punctuality is also checked and appropriate administrative action initiated, wherever necessary.

(c) Standing instructions have been reiterated for maintaining punctuality in the CGHS dispensaries.

Staff position of CGHS Dispensary No. 15, Laxmi Bai Nagar, New Delhi

937. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of the staff including doctors category-wise in the CGHS dispensary No. 15, Laxmi Bai Nagar, New Delhi;

(b) the number of vacant posts in each category and since when they have fallen vacant;

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(c) the number of doctors who attend their duty daily;

(d) whether it is a fact that incharge of the dispensary face problems in indenting and distribution of special medicines to the beneficiaries; and

(e) if so, the measures being adopted or proposed to be adopted to resolve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) CGHS dispensary No. 15, Laxmi Bai Nagarwas opened more than forty years ago and the original sanctioned strength of doctors/staff for the dispensary have undergone changes from time to time.

However, as per the SIU recommendations (1992 and 2002) relating to the norms for CGHS Allopathic dispensaries which has been accepted by the Government, the requirement of doctors and staff for the CGHS dispensary Laxmi Bai Nagar, works out as under:—

1.	Doctors	5
2.	Pharmacist	4
3.	LDC .	2
4.	Laboratory Technician	1
5.	Staff Nurse	1
6.	Lab. Attendant	1
7.	Lab. Asstt.	1
8.	Group 'D'	5
9.	Safaiwala	3
10.	Chowkidar	1

The present strength of staff posted in the dispensary is as under:—

1.	Doctors	6
2.	Pharmacist	3
3.	LDC	1
4.	Laboratory Technician	1
5.	Staff Nurse	1
6.	Female Attendant	2
7.	Dresser	1

8.	Laboratory Attendant	1
9.	Safaiwala	2
10.	Chowkidar	1
11.	Nurse Midwife	1

From the above, it can be seen that the vacancies in the said dispensary are available for the posts of Pharmacist, LDC, Lab. Asstt. and Safaiwala, and these vacancies can be filled up only after the recommendations contained in the SIU reports are fully implemented by the CGHS.

(c) At the CGHS dispensary, Laxmi Bai Nagar, there are at present six doctors (which includes the CMO in-charge) who are performing their duties as per the duty roster prepared by CMO in-charge of the dispensary.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) In view of (d) above, the question does not arise.

Diabetic patients in India

†938. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the statement recently made by World Health Organisation that the number of diabetic patients are increasing in India which is likely to worsen the problem;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are seriously considering to take any concrete action to check this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. According to the revised estimates of WHO, there are 32 million diabetics in India and the WHO has projected that India would have the largest number of diabetics (80 million) in the world by 2030.

(b) and (c) Diabetes treatment is done at all levels in the rural health care delivery system and urban health care institutions. Since diabetes is a life style related disease, it is very important to adopt preventive life style intervention for control of diabetes among children and adults in the country. These interventions are emphasized through information, education

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